

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday May 14th 2000

Silent Key

We were saddened to hear of the death earlier this week of Charlie Coughlan EI3BA.

Charlie was very well known, particularly in the Dublin area and was a past president of the A.R.S.I.

We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.

IRTS Committee Meeting

A well attended IRTS Committee meeting was held on Saturday last in the Prince of Wales Hotel in Athlone. This was probably the most important meeting of the year as volunteers had to be found for all the jobs. The only post not filled on the day was that of P.R.O. and the President EI4BZ would like to hear from anyone interested in the job. The Secretary is once again John Corless EI7IQ and Sean Donelan EI4GK continues as Treasurer.

We will give details of all the other job holders next week.

The next meeting of the committee will be held on June the 10th in Athlone at 1100. The venue will be announced later.

Six Metre Award

The Society has announced a new award for six metre operators. It will run over a calendar year and will be scored as follows:-

One point for each QSO during the year multiplied by the number of large maidenhead squares and DXCC Countries worked. Each square and country only counts once.

It is intended to run a squares table in the Society's Newsletter, Echo Ireland and operators are asked to forward their totals for all VHF and UHF bands to the new VHF Manager, Joe Fadden EI3IX.

Contest Rules

Some entrants in last year's field days were disqualified for not complying with general rule 4.3 which states that all participants must be members of the National Society. A proposal to modify this rule was put at the recent IRTS committee meeting but was not carried.

It was felt that these contests are run for the benefit of IRTS members and allowing non-members to participate would not be fair to those who took the trouble to join their national society.

Groups should be aware that non-members of IRTS cannot be listed as operators on the cover sheets submitted to the contest manager.

The rules for the 2 metres counties contest are being reviewed and will be finalised at the meeting on June the 10th. Submissions from members are very welcome and should be forwarded to the Contest Manager ei6ir@eircom.net. A new award has been introduced for the Islands on the Air Contest. This will be for the leading EJ station. Two other awards are already available, one to the leading single operator entrant and one for the leading entrant in the 12 hour CW section of IOTA.

Terenure Rally

The Terenure rally will be held on Sunday next the 21st of May at Terenure College in Dublin.

Doors will be open to the public at 1100.

North Dublin Radio Club

Theory classes run by NDR continue in the Parish Hall in Coolock every Thursday and it is hoped to hold a theory examination shortly. Anyone interested in next autumn's course should contact any club member.

The next showing of the NDR Amateur Radio Exhibition will be at Ballymun library for two weeks starting tomorrow Monday May the 15th. The activities of nearby Fingal Radio Club will be featured in this exhibition.

The club will once again run a special event station using the special millennium callsign EI2MM on Saturday next May the 20th. The station will run from 1100 to 1800 at the Scouts Den, Dublin Road in Sutton.

Plans for the summer include the VHF/UHF Field Day and details on this and on other planned activities can be got on the NDR net on S23 on Mondays at 2230.

NDR meetings continue during the summer and visitors are always welcome at Chanel College, Coolock any Monday night from 2000.

Shannon River Run 2000 Plans are afoot to stage another Shannon River Run this year. Mid-September has been decided as the time frame, with the exact dates to be confirmed later.

The Shannon River Run, for those of you unfamiliar with it, is an organised event for Clubs, Societies and Groups, involving a flotilla of cruisers on the Shannon/Erne river system. The aim of the weekend is to activate WAI squares, work DX, and above all have a great time!! So far, the Dalkey Island Contest Group, Galway Radio Experimenters and South Dublin Radio Club have expressed an interest in participating in the event and up to 10 groups are expected to take part.

Previous years have seen such unusual sights as 80 metre dipoles being trailed behind cruisers and slopers being held aloft by balloon. The event was also featured on the front page of Radcom last time round.

A website has been set up at homepage.eircom.net/~ShannonRiverRun and will be kept updated with all the latest news.

Any groups wishing to participate or looking for more information can contact Paul EI2CA on 087-2523908 or Keith EI4FBB on 01-6412148 during office hours or email South Eastern Amateur Radio Group.

The next general meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place on Wednesday the 31st of May at 8.00pm in the usual venue at the Roanmore GAA, Social & Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

The guest at this meeting will be IRTS President Dave Moore EI4BZ who will address the meeting on a wide range of topics. All are welcome. For enquiries, phone Mark EI7IS on 087-6302026 or e-mail South Eastern Amateur Radio Group on

Latest news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group is on our website at www.angelfire.com/tx3/searg IRTS AGM in 2001.

The IRTS Annual General Meeting will be hosted by Limerick Radio Club next year. The venue will be the Limerick Inn on the Ennis Road and the dates are April the 7th and 8th.

The Limerick Rally has proved to be the leading rally this year and promises to be

even bigger and better next April.

Dayton Hamvention

EI Amateurs planning to attend this year's Dayton Hamvention are reminded that an informal gathering of North American Irish Amateurs will take place at the Buckeye Belles Booth at 3 p.m. on both Friday and Saturday afternoons.

This get together has been happening for the past seven years and gets bigger every year.

Dates for your Diary

The Terenure Rally will be held on Sunday next May 21st.

The Worked All Ireland Island Activity weekend will be held over the third weekend in June.

Groups planning trips are asked to notify the news service.

The International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend will be held on August 19th and 20th. If you want to get involved, please inform Mike GM4SUC at gm4suc@compuserve.com The Marino Institute of Education in Dublin will host Celticon 2000 – a QRP Radio Convention on September 1st to 3rd next.

The Cork Rally will be held in the Blarney Park Hotel on Sunday September the 17th.

The IRTS AGM next year will be held in Limerick on April 8th.

Items for inclusion in the Radio News should be phoned to Dave Moore at 021-883555 in the evenings or to 021-823172 during office hours. You may also e-mail to ei4bz@eircom.net or to ei8ir@eircom.net Input for the Newsletter should be sent to Kevin EI7IM at QTHR or by e-mail to ei7im@qsl.net.

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